AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions and listings of the claims. The status of each claim is indicated. Amendments are shown with additions underlined and deletions in ~~strikethrough~~ text. No new matter is added by these amendments

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1-10. (Canceled)

11. (Currently Amended) A method of backing up personal data of a wireless communication network subscriber, the personal data being ~~memorised~~ memorized within a mobile communication device and backed up within a network server,

wherein said method includes an asynchronous backup mode in which, once the mobile communication device has divided a batch of data to be backed up into a plurality of subsets, prepared a first subset of data from ~~among a batch of data to be backed up~~ the plurality of subsets and transmitted the first subset of data to a network server for backing up, the backup is delayed by a predetermined period of time, so as to free the mobile communication device for a user of the mobile communication device, and the backup of at least one other subset of data from the plurality of subsets subsequent to the first subset of data is resumed at the end of said predetermined period of time.

12. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 11, wherein, in order to resume the backup, the network server implements a countdown of a period of time and sends a resume signal to a chip card in the mobile communication device at the end of said predetermined period of time.

13. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 11, wherein, in order to resume the backup, the mobile communication device implements a countdown of a period of time and sends a resume signal to a chip card in the mobile device at the end of said predetermined period of time.

14. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 13, wherein the mobile communication device implements the countdown and sends the resume signal upon receiving an instruction from the chip card.

15. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 14, wherein the chip card gives said instruction to the mobile communication device by sending it a Subscriber Identity Module toolkit ("STK") command.

16. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 14, wherein the chip card gives said instruction to the mobile communication device by sending it a "GET STATUS" command.

17. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 11, further comprising a prior assessment step in which a volume of data to be backed up or a corresponding waiting time required to make the mobile communication device available to the user is determined and compared to a predetermined threshold,

- when the volume of data is higher than the predetermined threshold, the backup is performed according to the asynchronous backup mode,

- and, when the volume of data is not higher than the predetermined threshold, the backup is carried out according to a default mode.

18. (Currently Amended) A server device for backing up personal data of a wireless communication network subscriber, the personal data having been previously ~~memorised~~ memorized within a mobile communication device and divided into a plurality of subsets,

wherein said server device is configured to backup ~~comprises means for backing up~~ a first subset of data from ~~among a~~ the plurality of subsets ~~batch of data to be backed up, and~~

~~said means for backing up data is arranged,~~ according to an asynchronous mode, such that the server device [[to]]:

- ~~receive~~ receives and [[save]] saves the first subset of data and ~~entering~~ enters a waiting time mode according to a delay instruction,

- and~~, at the end of the waiting time, resuming~~ resumes the backup of at least one other subset of data from the plurality of subsets subsequent to the first subset of data at the end of the waiting time.

19. (Currently Amended) A portable communication device belonging to a wireless communication network subscriber, said portable communication device comprising at least one memory for memorizing data,

wherein said portable communication device comprises means for backing up data includes dividing a batch of data to be backed up into a plurality of subsets and, said means for backing up data transmitting a first subset of data from the plurality of subsets ~~among a batch of data~~ among a batch of data to be backed up to a server device for backing up, and

said means for backing up data is arranged, according to an asynchronous backup mode, to:

- delay by a predetermined period of time the backup of at least one other subset of data from the plurality of subsets that is subsequent to the first subset of data, so as to ensure

that a user of the portable communication device may use the portable communication device,

- and resume the backup of at least one other subset of data from the plurality of subsets subsequent to the first subset of data at the end of the predetermined period of time.

20. (Previously Presented) The portable communication device according to claim 19, wherein said portable communication device selectively operates according to an asynchronous backup mode and a normal mode.